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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am one of the many Americans who has exercised right of choice in selecting a competitive Internet provider. The choice is based on reliability, performance, understanding of the local market which the larger providers do not exhibit or possess. Beyond those pragmatic reasons, my choice is founded in philosophical, ethical and open free market principles shared with my chosen provider.

The service, reliability and performance my provider delivers is of a higher quality than I have ever or expect ever to enjoy with the big three. Given that in retirement I provide pro-bono and volunteer services to non-profits, broadband service reliability and performance are paramount.

Additionally, as fixed income retirees we require predictable pricing. Our local provider is price consistent and sensitive to the needs of people like us.

As a consumer of broadband services, I urge the FCC to live up to its mandate to protect consumers and small business owners and not encourage further consolidation and the resulting lack of competitiveness and choice. Don't discourage competition. Keep the broadband market free, open and competitive for us all.

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